

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-11 and 1-3 were previously cancelled. Claims 12-22, as set forth in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application, are currently cancelled. Claims 23-39 are submitted, as follows:

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled)

23. (New) A printing group of a printing press comprising:

a forme cylinder supported for rotation in said printing press;

an inking system adapted for use to supply ink to said rotatable forme cylinder;

first, second and third ink distribution cylinders in said inking system;

a plurality of inking rollers and ink application rollers in said inking system;

a first, front ink path from said first ink distribution cylinder to said rotatable forme cylinder via said second ink distribution cylinder;

a second, rear ink path to said rotatable forme cylinder, said first ink being before, in a sequence of ink applications to said forme cylinder, said second ink path; and

means supporting at least one of said inking rollers for movement in said inking system between at least first and second positions and wherein said second ink path is supplied with ink selectively by direct contact with said movable inking roller, said first ink distribution cylinder and said second ink distribution cylinder in accordance with said position of said movable inking roller.

24. (New) The printing group of claim 23 wherein said movable inking roller in said

second inking path can be selectively brought into contact with said first ink distribution cylinder and said second ink distribution cylinder.

25. (New) A printing group of a printing press comprising:

a forme cylinder supported for rotation in said inking press;

an inking system adapted to supply ink to said rotatable forme cylinder;

first, second and third ink distribution cylinders in said inking system;

a plurality of inking rollers and ink application rollers in said inking system;

means supporting at least one of said inking rollers for movement in said inking system between at least first and second positions;

a first, front ink path from said first ink distribution cylinder via said movable inking roller and said second distribution cylinder to said rotatable forme cylinder;

a second ink path from said third ink distribution cylinder to said rotatable forme cylinder; and

a third, rear ink path from said first ink distribution cylinder via said third ink distribution cylinder to said rotatable forme cylinder, said first ink path being before in a sequence of ink applications to said rotatable forme cylinders, said second and third ink paths, said movable inking roller selectively opening and closing said first, front ink path while said third path is uninterrupted.

26. (New) The printing group of claim 25 wherein said inking roller which is supported for movement can be selectively brought into contact with and out of contact with said second distribution cylinder.

27. (New) The printing group of claim 23 further including a dampening system in

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said printing group and having at least one dampening fluid distribution cylinder and at least one dampening fluid application roller, said dampening fluid application roller being supported for movement between selected positions wherein dampening agent can be applied from said dampening fluid application roller to one of said ink distribution cylinders and to said forme cylinder and directly to said forme cylinder.

28. (New) The printing group of claim 25 further including a dampening system in said printing group and having at least one dampening fluid distribution cylinder and at least one dampening fluid application roller, said dampening fluid application roller being supported for movement between selected positions wherein dampening agent can be applied from said dampening fluid application roller to one of said ink distribution cylinders and to said forme cylinder and directly to said forme cylinder.

29. (New) The printing group of claim 23 further including a second movable inking roller adapted to selectively interrupt and close an ink path from said first ink distribution cylinder to said second ink distribution cylinder.

30. (New) A printing group of a printing press comprising:
a forme cylinder supported for rotation in said printing press;
an inking system adapted to supply ink to said rotatable forme cylinder;
first, second and third ink distribution cylinders in said inking system;
a plurality of inking rollers and ink application rollers in said inking system;
a dampening system including at least one dampening fluid distribution cylinder and at least one dampening fluid application roller;
means supporting at least one of each of said inking rollers and said ink

application rollers for movement between selected positions in said inking system;
a first, front ink path formed from each first ink distribution cylinder via said
second ink distribution cylinder and said third ink distribution application to said forme
cylinder;

a second, rear ink path;

means supplying dampening agent from said at least one dampening fluid
distribution cylinder and said at least one dampening fluid application roller to said
forme cylinder wherein said second ink distribution cylinder can be selectively assigned
to said inking system, to said dampening system and to both said inking system and
said dampening system by operationally resetting said inking application rollers and
said dampening fluid application rollers.

31. (New) The printing group of claim 30 wherein at least one of said inking rollers is
movably supported in said inking system and said dampening fluid application roller is
movably supported in said dampening system wherein said second ink distribution
cylinder is selectively assigned to ink application, to ink and dampening fluid
application, and to dampening fluid application.

32. (New) The printing group of claim 27 wherein said dampening system is a five-
roller dampening system.

33. (New) The printing group of claim 28 wherein said dampening system is a five-
roller dampening system.

34. (New) The printing group of claim 30 wherein said dampening system is a five-
roller dampening system.

35. (New) The printing group of claim 23 wherein said dampening fluid application roller is adapted to be brought into contact with said rotatable forme cylinder.

36. (New) The printing group of claim 30 wherein said dampening fluid application roller is adapted to be brought into contact with said rotatable forme cylinder.

37. (New) The printing group of claim 27 wherein said inking system and said dampening system are changeable between a normal operation wherein ink and dampening fluid are applied via said second distribution cylinder, a blind plate operation wherein said first and second ink application paths are interrupted and dampening fluid application is accompanied by said dampening system and said second distribution cylinders, and a special production wherein dampening is accomplished through said dampening system and said second distribution cylinder and inking is accomplished only via said rear application path.

38. (New) The printing group of claim 28 wherein said inking system and said dampening system are changeable between a normal operation wherein ink and dampening fluid are applied via said second distribution cylinder, a blind plate operation wherein said first and second ink application paths are interrupted and dampening fluid application is accompanied by said dampening system and said second distribution cylinders, and a special production wherein dampening is accomplished through said dampening system and said second distribution cylinder and inking is accomplished only via said rear application path.

39. (New) The printing group of claim 30 wherein said inking system and said dampening system are changeable between a normal operation wherein ink and

dampening fluid are applied via said second distribution cylinder, a blind plate operation wherein said first and second ink application paths are interrupted and dampening fluid application is accompanied by said dampening system and said second distribution cylinders, and a special production wherein dampening is accomplished through said dampening system and said second distribution cylinder and inking is accomplished only via said rear application path.